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## ALL INVITED TO LIBRARY DEDICATION

The new West End Branch of the Public Library of the District of Columbia will be dedicated Friday, February 24, at 8:30 p.m. Brigadier General Robert E. Mathe, Engineer Commissioner, D. C., will be the principal speaker. The public is invited to attend the ceremonies and to tour the building, located at 24th and L Streets, N. W.

This branch, the newest in the system, will serve the West End and Foggy Bottom areas. With approximately 20,000 square feet of space, it has a capacity of 60,000 volumes. In addition to books circulated for home use, the library will offer reference, research, bibliographical, and readers' advisory services for adults, teenagers and children. The new library will be open 72 hours a week -- from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday thru Saturday. (The limited service offered by the bookmobile since November 2, 1959 will be discontinued.)

The West End Library is an example of modern functional architecture. The building is fireproof, and the first branch in the D. C. Public Library to be air conditioned. The use of very few fixed walls will allow for maximum use of floor space and complete flexibility in the administration of the library's services.

Public services are on two floors. The street level consists of an adult reference-reading room, browsing area, a bookstack area and a soundproof booth for those interested in listening to language, literature, music and other recordings; individual study carrels are available for the use of students. The second floor provides a children's room, an additional bookstack area and a community meeting or conference room. (Ed. note: the March FBA meeting will be held in the library meeting area.) Provision for adding a third floor has been made to meet possible future requirements for additional space.

All services will be open to the public beginning Saturday, February 25th, at 9 a.m.

### FBA MEETING

FEBRUARY 27 at 8 P.M.

Speaker: Martin Blumenson, military historian

TOPIC: "Some Controversies of World War II"

## PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES PASSED AT JANUARY MEETING

At the January 30 FBA meeting, extensive changes in the Bylaws were presented to the membership, and with one exception, the new Bylaws were passed as moved and seconded.

A feeling was expressed, however, that some matters -- dues, for instance -- deserve further consideration. It is expected that these matters will be taken up at future meetings and perhaps be reflected as amendments.

## COMMITTEE AGAINST NATIONAL SEEKS SUPPORT

The Committee Against National (CAN), a citizens' movement to stop the noise, pollution and hazard of jet planes using National Airport, continues to seek the help of groups and individuals in the Potomac Valley who object to the present level of and anticipated increase in jet traffic.

CAN requests that individual complaints be registered with the Airport (RE 7-6131) and the Director of the Bureau of National Capital Airports (521-5600, ext. 6161). Petitions are being sought by Mrs. George Idelson (FE 7-7058), and letters may be sent to Sen. Mike Monroney, Senate Aviation Committee.

CAN is sponsoring a public meeting on the problem March 13 at 8 p.m. at the Arena Stage.

## BETTER BUS SERVICE FOR D.C.

We can do something to get better bus service. D.C. Transit and other bus companies coming into the District are regulated as to fares and services by a government commission which controls the number of buses, the establishment of bus stops, frequency of service and many details of operation. Although its staff is not large, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission (WMATC) does have a traffic engineer and other personnel to see that District residents receive the best possible service.

Complaints about bus service should be addressed, in a short letter, to: Mr. Delmar Ison, Director, WMATC, 1815 N. Ft. Myer Dr., Arlington, Va.



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FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE BOARD:  
 THE ASSOCIATION'S GOOD OFFICES

Some recent events have posed difficult but intriguing  
 questions for the Association: whom does it represent,  
 and when, and how?

The Association has been accepted by members as  
 their spokesman to the District of Columbia government.  
 But from time to time, disputes between members them-  
 selves arise, and the Association cannot fairly take a  
 representative stand before the District government.

Your Executive Board suggests that in such cases the  
 problem should be brought first to the attention of the ap-  
 propriate FBA Committee or subcommittee, and that the

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Dr. Elliot J. Alpher

The FBA is happy to welcome a new dentist to the area - Dr. Elliot J. Alpher. Dr. Alpher's office is in Suite 107 of the Riverside Tower Apartments, 2201 Virginia Avenue, N. W.

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## THE ASSOCIATION'S GOOD OFFICES

Association be used as much as possible as diplomat and arbitrator of internal disputes. If we are a community in practice as well as in theory, then we will try to solve our internal problems first by ourselves. Failing this, aggrieved individuals are, naturally, always at liberty to take their questions directly to the District or Federal government.

It goes without saying, however, that the two governments and their agents are sufficiently burdened with administrative responsibilities that they would heartily approve the achievement of solutions to community disputes, insofar as possible, through the Association's good offices. To the extent that it can help resolve its own internal disagreements, the Association will enhance its prestige at the District Building or on Capitol Hill when it is pressing other matters there.

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Three Foggy Bottom churches currently celebrating their 100th anniversaries, St. Stephen's Roman Catholic, St. Paul's Episcopal, and St. Mary's Episcopal, will participate in an ecumenical blessing of the palms at 10:30 a.m. on Palm Sunday, March 19. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Denges, pastor of St. Stephens's, will bless the palms, and the clergy, choirs and congregations of the several churches will process to and from Washington Circle, where the service will be held. The Community of Christ (Lutheran) and Union Methodist Church will also participate, making it a truly ecumenical undertaking.

## SUMMER PROGRAMS PLANNED FOR AREA YOUTH

A series of Neighborhood Planning Councils has been formed throughout Washington to help with planning of programs for young people during the coming summer vacation.

The Councils were created as a result of complaints last year, that the people of the city were not given a voice in summer recreation programs. This year, area residents will be able to submit their ideas to the newly formed Councils. The Council in each neighborhood will develop and coordinate the suggestions which pertain to its area, and submit proposals to the proper authorities for approval and funding. Money to fund the programs is being provided by various federal agencies and the D. C. government.

Foggy Bottom is part of the section covered by the Area 13 Neighborhood Planning Council. Bill Simon of the FBA has been working with this group, and can provide further information. He's also the man to contact if you'd like to suggest a program for the young people of Foggy Bottom or the bordering areas to the north or east. Bill can be reached at FE 3-7514.

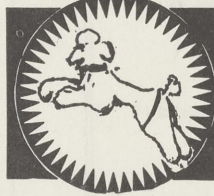
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